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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Dear USDOJ,

Because this is something of a new issue in the courts, it seems the proposed is too vague to adequately protect the software developers from Microsofts restrictive licensing practices. In several cases, it allows Microsoft to include provisions in its licenses that could potentially prevent the distribution of software that competes with other Microsoft products based on the use of one Microsoft product in the competing software's development or distribution. This is harmful to the free development of software and the improvement of the software market as a whole, and is restrictive and somewhat incapacitating for future software developers such as myself. Please revise the final judgment to protect hard working Americans from the restrictive and debilitating licensing practices of Microsoft, so that the electronic community can continue to grow and flourish in the United States.

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